

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Was there any outbreak of cholera in the Tinnevely District at that time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director reported that there was cholera in Tinnevely District.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Has the Director given any special reason for the outbreak?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I ask whether, with a view to prevent the outbreak of cholera in future in Shencotta, Government propose to have a water supply scheme for the place?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Scheme for improving the fishery industry.

36. MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inspector of Fisheries has submitted a scheme for improving fishery industry in the State and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken by Government upon it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is being placed before the Legislature.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what his recommendations were?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are contained in the Financial Secretary's speech.

PRESIDENT: I hope the honourable member has read it; does he want it to be repeated?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): What is the amount asked for by the Inspector of Fisheries to start the working of his scheme?

PRESIDENT: That too occurs in the copy of the Budget that has been circulated to the honourable members already. I do not want questions to be asked which are within the knowledge or must be within the knowledge of honourable members.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil*): Has the Inspector of Fisheries submitted two reports or only one?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Two.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): What was the need for a second report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The first was considered insufficient (*Laughter*.)

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Was it because the first report did not contain sufficient information?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it sufficient.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what exactly is meant by 'sufficient'?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the first report was not sufficiently explanatory. The second report was expected to be more explanatory than the first.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Inspector of Fisheries has recommended that the Fisheries Department should be constituted as a separate department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have not got the details of the report here.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is it not one of the major recommendations of the report that the Fisheries Department should be separated from the Agricultural Department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure of that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was the retention of the control of the Director of Agriculture over the Fisheries Department one of the recommendations contained in the report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The report deals about the improvement of the Fisheries Department and not about the separation or amalgamation of it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the two reports are alternative or whether they supplement each other? (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They supplement each other.

Rubber Quota.

37. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, in regard to the question of getting the quota of rubber for export from South India increased, whether any progress has been made since the Dewan addressed the members of the Legislature on 15th Makaram 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government of India have been reminded of the matter.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): What was the date of the reminder?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About two or three months ago, reminder was sent to the Government of India. I am not now in a position to give the exact date.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Government read in the papers that the Committee has made certain alterations in the quota?